

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7002

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Stephanie Watson, 2023
Tennessee Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Stephanie Watson, who was recently named the 2023 Tennessee Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the epitome of love, Stephanie Watson is the mother of a seventeen-year-old daughter, Emily, who, at the age of five, was hit by a drunk driver and paralyzed from the chest down; and

WHEREAS, through community fundraisers and awareness events, Mrs. Watson has shared Emily's story, spearheaded the effort to help her daughter live a normal life, and touched thousands of lives; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her advocacy for people with disabilities and her work on making her community more accessible for people with disabilities, she received the Voice for Victims Award in Middle Tennessee in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Watson holds a bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University and a master's degree from Cumberland University and completed the Volunteer Advocacy Project through Vanderbilt University in 2022; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed to serve as a member of the Tennessee Developmental Disabilities Planning and Policy Council for the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and is a member of the ARC, NAQ, and the United Spinal Association; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Mrs. Watson loves making memories with Emily and her husband, Jake, and enjoys traveling, sleeping, and learning, in addition to supporting her Iowa Hawkeyes; and

WHEREAS, guided by solid principles and high standards, Stephanie Watson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational mother who evinces the greatest integrity and unselfishness in all her chosen endeavors, Mrs. Watson is most deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Stephanie Watson for her meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being named the 2023 Tennessee Mother of the Year, and extend to her our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.